

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated August 22, 2002, the Examiner states that Claims 11-20 are pending, Claim 11 is rejected, and Claims 12-20 are withdrawn from consideration. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejects Claim 11 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Jahn (US 4,722,273) in view of EP 0 574 124. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection in view of amended Claim 11.

In the remarks section of Applicant's previous amendment dated June 20, 2002, the Applicant distinguished the present invention from that of Jahn in that in Jahn both the inking unit and the dampening unit were disengaged during lacquering while in the present invention the dampening unit remains engaged. During a telephone interview on September 10, 2002 with the Examiner, the Examiner further explained that the rejection of Claim 11 was justified since Claim 11 did not positively recite that the dampening unit remains engaged.

The Applicant has now amended Claim 11 to positively recite that the dampening unit remains engaged while lacquer is applied. Since none of the recited prior art teaches this feature, the rejection is considered overcome.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time and suggestions for getting the present application in condition for allowance. In view of the upcoming final term for response expiring February 22, 2003, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if any other deficiencies are present in the application.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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